

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all pending claims.

Please add new claim 5 as follows:

- 5. A device for supporting a recorder from the neck of a user, the recorder having a distal end and proximate end, the recorder having a mouthpiece at the proximate end, the recorder defining a juncture point between the proximate end and the distal end, the recorder having a diameter that increases gradually from the juncture point to the mouthpiece, the recorder capable of being pulled apart at the juncture point to present a lower and an upper section that includes the mouthpiece, the lower and upper sections capable of being reconnected, the device comprising:  
a strap suspended from the neck of the user; and  
a ring attached to the strap, the ring having an inner diameter and outer diameter, the inner diameter being larger than the diameter of the upper section at the juncture point, the inner diameter further being smaller than the diameter of the upper section at the mouth piece, the difference between the inner diameter and the outer diameter being at least 1/8". --